

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A container including:

- (a) at least three sidewalls with corners therebetween, the sidewalls defining an internal space for storage of at least one item and a storage area, the shape of the storage area depending on the number of the sidewalls;
- (b) the sidewalls being foldable about the corners for ease of storage;
- (c) the sidewalls having an open base and an open top;
- (d) a pallet with a planar and solid top onto which the sidewalls with different numbers of sidewalls can be placed; and
- (e) each sidewall of the container having at least one perforated line to enable the height of the sidewalls to be varied, wherein the at least one perforated line is parallel to an edge of the base for folding.

2. (Original) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sidewalls are made of a material selected from the group consisting of: cardboard, treated cardboard and a plastics material.

3. (Original) A container as claimed in claim 2, wherein the material is weather-resistant.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sidewalls are foldable along the at least one perforated line to vary the height of the sidewalls.

6. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sidewalls are shearable along the at least one perforated line to vary the height of the sidewalls.

7. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top being of a length and width slightly greater than the corresponding dimensions of the sidewalls.

8. (Original) A container as claimed in claim 7, wherein a gap is formed between an outer edge of the at least three sidewalls and a peripheral edge of the top of the pallet.

9. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open base is for enabling the at least one item to be placed directly on the pallet.

10. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in claim [[1]] 17, wherein the cover is shaped to conform with the internal space defined by the sidewalls and comprises a cover top, and cover sides, the cover being adapted to be readily removable over the open top and locatable on an outer surface of the at least three sidewalls in the manner of a snug fit.

11. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pallet is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: cardboard, plastics and treated cardboard.

12. (Original) A container as claimed in claim 11, wherein the material is weather resistant.

13. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sidewalls and the pallet combine to form an open-top box.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 7, wherein the top of the pallet forms a solid base for the sidewalls.

16. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 8, wherein the top of the pallet forms a solid base for the sidewalls.

17. (Previously Presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a cover for the open top and the internal space.

18. (Currently Amended) At least three sidewalls with corners therebetween for use in a container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sidewalls define an internal space for storage of at least one item and a storage area, the sidewalls being foldable about the corners for ease of storage, having an open base and an open top, and each sidewall having at least one perforated line to enable the height of the sidewalls to be varied, wherein each perforated line is parallel to an edge of the base and the height of each perforated line above the edge of the base is set to conform with industrial standards for ~~freight~~ or transportation boxes.

19. (Previously Presented) A single standardized container that may be customized to meet the needs of different load and height requirements of objects to be stored and transported comprising the container as claimed in claim 1.

20. (New) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the storage area has a triangular, rectangular, pentagonal or octagonal shape.